

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An original cover of an image reading apparatus comprising:

a cover member for covering an original placed
5 on an original stand; and

a hinge member having one end thereof
pivotally supported by said cover member and having the
other end thereof mounted on and pivotally supported by
said original stand.

10 2. The original cover according to Claim 1,
wherein said hinge member is pivotally supported by
other area than an end portion of said cover member.

15 3. The original cover according to Claim 1,
wherein said cover member has its pivotally movable
range restricted with respect to said hinge member.

20 4. The original cover according to Claim 3,
wherein at least one of said cover member and said
hinge member is provided with a restricting portion for
restricting the pivotally movable range of said cover
member with respect to said hinge member.

25 5. The original cover according to Claim 1,
further comprising a biasing member for biasing said
cover member in a direction in which said cover member

is opened with respect to said hinge member.

5 6. The original cover according to Claim 4,
further comprising a biasing member for biasing said
cover member in a direction for restricting a rotation
of said cover member with respect to said hinge member
by said restricting portion.

10 7. The original cover according to Claim 5 or 6,
wherein said biasing member is a torsion coil spring.

15 8. The original cover according to Claim 5 or 6,
wherein said biasing member is a flexible metal wire
material or a flexible band-shaped member.

9. The original cover according to Claim 5 or 6,
wherein said biasing member is a portion of said cover
member or said hinge member.

20 10. The original cover according to Claim 1,
wherein said cover member is biased in a direction in
which said cover member is opened with respect to said
hinge member and is biased in an axial direction of a
rotary shaft, by biasing means.

25 11. The original cover according to Claim 10,
wherein said cover member has its pivotally movable

range restricted with respect to said hinge member.

12. The original cover according to Claim 10,
wherein said biasing means is a torsion compression
5 coil spring.

13. An image reading apparatus comprising:
an original cover as recited in any one of
Claims 1 to 6 or 10 to 12; and
10 image reading means for reading image
information of an original placed on an original stand.